

# **Spencer P. Austin oral history OH008**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Title</b>	Spencer P. Austin oral history
<b>Date</b>	1984
<b>Extent</b>	0.01 Cubic feet 1 bound transcript
<b>Language</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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Spencer Peter Austin was born in Lone Wolf, Oklahoma on December 15, 1909. He did his undergraduate work at Phillips University, and did his graduate work at Boston University. In June 1945, he moved his family to Irvington, IN. He served as an ordained minister of the United Christian Missionary Society. In 1957 he became the Executive of Unified Promotion. He worked with many organizations, including the Federal Council of Churches, the Committee of Church World Service and the World Council of Churches Commission on Inter-Church Aid and Refugee Services. He retired in 1974, but continued to work with the Christian Theological Seminary.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains a transcript of an interview with Spencer P. Austin, conducted by Lois Leamon for Brown Library's Irvington Oral History Project. In the interview, Austin discusses topics such as racial discrimination in Indianapolis, Indianapolis schools, the Irvington community, church missions, and his ministry.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged chronologically.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

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### **Custodial History**

This collection was created by the Indiana State Library Oral History Project on 5 September 1984.

### **Accruals**

No further additions are expected.

### **Processing Information**

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Genre(s)**

- Oral history interview

### **Geographic Name(s)**

- Indianapolis (Ind.)
- Irvington (Ind.)

### **Personal Name(s)**

- Austin, Spencer P.

**Subject(s)**

- Missions
- Race discrimination